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SETTING UP OF MEGA POWER PROJECTS BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC propose to set up mega power projects in some States where private sector have withdrawn their projects etc.;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether private power producers have found it tough to run power plants due to huge arrears in some States; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : No, Sir. Mega projects by National Thermal Power Corporation(NTPC) arebeing implemented in accordance with approval of Government given in October, 1998.

(b) : The details of Mega Power Projects proposed by NTPC are :-

Sl.No.
Project/State
Capacity

(MW)
Status
Year of
completion as
envisaged.#

1.
Anta CCPP Stage-II,
Rajasthan
650
CEA`s Techno-Economic
Clearance Available
2005-06

2.
Auraiya CCPP Stage-II, UP
650
Projects will be taken up only
after beneficiary States agree
to bear cost of generation
based on LNG price

3.
Kawas CCPP Stage-II,
Gujarat
650

4.
Jhanor Gandhar CCPP
Stage-II, Gujarat.

650

5.
Kahalgaon STPP Stage-II,
Bihar
1320
CEA`s Techno-Economic
Clearance under progress.
2007-08
6.
North Karanpura STPP,
Jharkhand
1980
- do -

2008-09

7
Barh STPP, Bihar
1980
CEA`s Techno-Economic
Clearance under progress.
2008-09

8.
Kol Dam HPP, Himachal
Pradesh
800
Infrastructure works in
progress.
2008-09

9.
Cheyyur STPP, Tamil Nadu
1000
Feasibility Report to be
prepared after availability of
Coastal Regulation Zone
clearance and MOEF`s 1st
stage clearance.
2011-12

Capacity identified under Mega Power Policy is 1300 MW, proposed to be implemented in two stages of 650 MW each.
Capacity identified under Mega Power Policy is 1500 MW. Being implemented in two phases.
Subject to necessary clearance/tie-ups including funding tie-up.

Abbreviations :
CCPP : Combined Cycle Power Project
CEA : Central Electricity Authority
LNG: Liquified Natural Gas
STPP : Super Thermal Power Project
HPP : Hydro Power Project.
MOE&F : Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c) : The total outstanding dues of various Central Public Sector Undertakings(CPSUs) on various State Electricity Boards (SEBs) ending 31st May, 2001 was over Rs.30,000 crore. Such a situation may deter any prospective private power producer from setting up a power plant in a State with huge outstanding dues.

(d) : The Chief Ministers`/Power Ministers` conference held in New Delhi in March2001 resolved to constitute an Expert Group to look into problem of mounting arrears of payments due to CPSUs.One of the references to be recommended by the Expert Group was to recommend for one time settlement of outstanding dues. The report since submitted by the Expert Group in this regard recommends a scheme for one time settlement of dues which consists of securitisation of the outstanding dues of SEBs toCPSUs and converting them into state Government bonds with a partial waiver. This is linked to commitments by SEBs for setting current dues, with associated penalties for non compliance and assured access to State Government funds for recovery beyond a point. State Governments are also expected to commit themselves to a programme ofreform in the power sector with some definite defined

milestones and associated penalties for non-compliance. The Scheme also provides incentives for well performing states. The Scheme for one time settlement of outstanding dues has to be viewed as an integral part of an arrangement that prevent recurrence of similar defaults in future. The group has also recommended that the scheme should become effective only after consensus in its favour is obtained from participating states. It has also been felt that the validity of the scheme should remain in force till 31.3.2016.